

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS IR  
SUBJECT: TU-22 BOMBERS IN IRAQ

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1. AP STORY QUOTING DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, WILLIAM CLEMENTS, TO EFFECT THAT QUOTE SMALL NUMBER OF TU-22 BLINDER BOMBERS UNQUOTE HAVE BEEN TURNED OVER TO IRAQIS BY SOVIETS HIT HERE SHORTLY AFTER MY AUDIENCE WITH SHAH ON OCTOBER 1. THIS STORY HAS NOW SERVED ONLY TO UNDERSCORMD THE SHAH'S DESIRE FOR A FIRM WRITTEN COMMITMENT ON SUPPLY BY THE USG OF F-14/15 AIRCRAFT, AS SET FORTH REFTEL. SHAH WANTED THIS COMMITMENT LAST WEEK, HE WANTS IT EVEN MORE NOW.

2. PENTAGON ASSERTION ABOUT BLINDERS IN IRAQ IS UNFORTUNATE SINCE WE ARE NOW BEING ASKED BY GOI (A) IS IT TRUE THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE GIVEN TU-22 AIRCRAFT TO THE IRAQIS? AND (B) IF SO, HOW MANY OF THESE AIRCRAFT DO THEY NOW HAVE? WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF DEPARTMENT WOULD PASS EMBASSY ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS SO THAT WE MAY INFORM SHAH AND PRIME MINISTER. LATTER TOLD ME LAST NIGHT THAT TEHRAN PAPERS ON OCTOBER 3 WILL CARRY GOI'S RESPONSE TO AP STORY ABOUT TU-22'S IN IRAQ. SOME THOUGHT IS BEING GIVEN TO TELLING THE WORLD THAT GOI WILL BUY 3-4 PLANES FOR EVERY ONE IRAQIS GET FROM RUSSIA.

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3. IT CLEAR THAT SHAH FEELS USG AND GOI HAVE BEEN OUT-MANEUVERED NOW THAT IRAQIS HAVE TU-22 BEFORE IRAN HAS F-14.  
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